



# SYNOPSIS

## Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 23, 2015  
Schedule 8**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 27 – Bill request deadline.  
February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.  
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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### **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 23, 2015**

#### **SB 55      The President (By Request – Administration)**

##### **BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2016)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

#### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 56      The President (By Request – Administration)**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, AND 2014

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,068,545,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters of Various Years, Various Sections - amended and repealed  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 57      The President (By Request – Administration)**

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2015

Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; altering or repealing specified required appropriations; authorizing the use of specified funds for specified purposes; providing for the transfer of specified funds; repealing a specified requirement for a specified notice relating to abandoned property to be published in specified newspapers; requiring the Comptroller to maintain a specified abandoned property database; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CL, EC, ED, HG, IN, LG, NR, PS, SF, TG, TP, TR, and Chapter 397 of the Acts of 2011, Various Sections - amended, added, or repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 58**      **Senator Simonaire****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

Requiring the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide written notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment to the Senate and House delegations for the county in which a proposed community development or public purpose project is located; and requiring the Department to provide written notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment to the Senate and House delegations for the county in which a proposed project under the Rental Housing Program is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HS, §§ 4-213 and 4-404 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 59**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators by repealing the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations relating to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2024.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HO, § 9-502 - repealed and SG, § 8-403(b)(37) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 60**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – COLLECTION OF APPEARANCE FEES**

Clarifying that if more than one stockholder, partner, member, or employee of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity engaged in practicing law enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per entity; and clarifying that, if more than one employee of a specified governmental entity enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per governmental entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7-204(b) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 61**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**ACTIVE ARMED FORCES MEMBER – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR CERTAIN COURT RECORDS**

Requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified papers or records requested by an active armed forces member or by the United States government if the copy is to be used in connection with a claim of the member against the United States government; and requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified marriage records of an active armed forces member that are requested under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 62**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – WATER AND SEWER LIEN REGISTERS – FEES**

Repealing a requirement that specified water and sewer authorities pay a fee of 5 cents for each entry to the clerk of a circuit court in the county where the specified real estate is located to record a lien in a specified lien register.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9-949(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 63**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**REAL PROPERTY – MANUFACTURED HOMES – RECORDING OF AFFIDAVITS OF AFFIXATION AND SEVERANCE – FEES**

Clarifying that the reasonable fees that the clerk of a circuit court may charge for recording an affidavit of affixation or an affidavit of severance for a manufactured home shall be set by the State Court Administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8B-202(e) and 8B-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 64**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a surcharge on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified cases in the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and circuit courts; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to assess a surcharge in specified civil cases that may not be more than \$3 per summary ejectment case and \$8 per case for specified civil cases; and requiring the surcharges to be deposited in the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 7-102, 7-202(e) and (f), 7-301(c), and 13-603(a) - amended and § 7-202(e) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 65**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – HOSPITAL LIEN DOCKET – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that the clerks of the circuit courts provide a hospital lien docket.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 16-605 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 66**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – FUNDING**

Increasing from \$20 to \$40 the amount of the surcharge on specified recordable instruments that the State Court Administrator is required to establish for the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 67**      **Senator Lee**

**CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION**

Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 4-401(b) and 14-101(a) and PS, § 5-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 68**      **Senator Conway**

**CHARLES COUNTY AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources establish a program in Charles County and St. Mary’s County to train rifle shooters to hunt deer for the purpose of controlling the deer population; repealing the requirement that the Department give specified applicants priority to participate in the program; repealing a requirement that the Department report on the implementation of the program to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-408.2 - repealed and § 10-415 and Chapter 574 of the Acts of 2014, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 69**      **Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – STERILE COMPOUNDING – COMPLIANCE BY NONRESIDENT PHARMACIES AND REPEAL OF PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that specified entities hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before engaging in activities relating to sterile compounding; repealing the requirement that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State hold a specified permit; repealing the qualifications, fees, and other requirements for applying for a sterile compounding permit; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

HO, § 12-101 (d) and (z) - added, §§ 12-4A-01 through 12-4A-12 - repealed, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 70**      **Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – ORDERS OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PROHIBITION ON STAYS**

Prohibiting a stay if a person notes an appeal from an order of summary suspension by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 7-320 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 71**      **Senator Edwards****REAPPOINTMENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 4-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 72**      **Senators Astle and Rosapepe****MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION – DRIVER’S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICANTS**

Making specified provisions of law relating to the Motor Vehicle Administration’s collection and electronic forwarding of Selective Service registration information gender-neutral and expanding their applicability to specified minors; repealing provisions relating to the refusal of an applicant for specified documents to consent to Selective Service registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 12-304 - amended and Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2002, §§ 2 and 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 73**      **Senator Feldman****COMMISSION ON TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND FAIRNESS**

Establishing the Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness; specifying the membership of the Commission; providing for the appointment of a Senate cochair and House cochair of the Commission; providing for the staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to study, consider, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring a report on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 74**      **Senator Feldman, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 75      Senators Feldman and Jennings****TASK FORCE TO STUDY A PROGRAM FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO STEM COLLEGE STUDENTS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland; providing for the composition, including one member each from the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 76      Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –  
NONCONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – DEFINITION**

Clarifying that the definition of “noncontributory pension benefit”, as it relates to the State Retirement and Pension System, does not include the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 20-101(aa-1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 77      Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – FALSE RECORDS**

Prohibiting a person from causing a record to be filed or recorded with a filing office under specified circumstances; authorizing a filing office to refuse to accept a record for filing under specified circumstances; authorizing a person identified as a debtor in a filed record to file a request to terminate the financing statement or record under specified circumstances; establishing procedures for termination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 9-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 78**      **Senator Raskin, et al****RAPE SURVIVOR FAMILY PROTECTION ACT**

Excluding as a father of a child, for purposes of specified provisions relating to the paternity of a child in a guardianship or adoption proceeding, a man who has committed a specified sexual crime against the child's mother; requiring a court to consider a specified statement when making a specified finding; prohibiting a court from requiring publication of specified information under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-306, 5-3A-06, 5-3B-05, and 9-101.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 23, 2015****SJ 1**      **Senator Simonaire, et al****CONOWINGO DAM – SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT POLLUTION  
(NATIONAL CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ACT OF 2015)**

Urging the United States Congress to authorize a review of the studies related to the Conowingo Dam for the purpose of initiating funding a project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address the buildup of sediment and nutrients behind the dam in order to minimize the pollutant load reaching the Chesapeake Bay from the Susquehanna River; and providing that a copy of the resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs